

Concerning XM and SIRIUS satellite radio's ability to provide "locally oriented" programming to their subscribers. The FCC has a responsibility to regulate the broadcasting industry. This responsibility is placed in the FCC's hands on behalf of the American public. That is who the FCC is supposed to protect, not broadcasters. The marketplace will determine which part of the industry will better provide "locally oriented" programming. To deny satellite broadcasters the right to provide this programming not only interferes with the free marketplace, it denies listeners the right to chose where they get their information. I don't think anyone wants to live in an America where the distribution of information is controlled by the government and its regulatory agencies. Please do not create any regulations that would limit satellite radios' broadcasters in their ability to serve their listeners.